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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2010 (hereinafter "the Action") regarding the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.